



CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Key Milestones *past and future*

"I will keep the CALFED effort moving forward to address our critical water needs in a balanced and responsible way."

Governor Gray Davis

"Three years ago we helped launch the historic CALFED partnership ... We're going to do it right."

President Bill Clinton

June 1995: State and federal agencies launch an historic partnership, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

July 1995-July 1996: More than 30 public meetings and workshops are held around the state to involve Californians in developing a Bay-Delta solution.

February 1996: The CALFED Program releases 20 draft alternative solutions, each including hundreds of actions to help solve Bay-Delta problems.

June 1996: The list of alternatives is refined to three conceptual comprehensive approaches.

September 1996: CALFED releases Phase I Final Report and launches a two-year environmental review of the conceptual alternative solutions.

June 1996-December 1997: The Program holds hundreds of public meetings to continue to involve people in the process. Technical staff works with stakeholders to refine the alternatives.

March 1997-November 1997: Draft reports for four programs common to all the alternatives are released: Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan, Water Quality Component Report, Water Use Efficiency Report, and the Delta Levee System Integrity Program Report.

December 1997: More than \$60 million in ecosystem restoration program projects are funded.

February 1998: An additional \$24 million in ecosystem restoration projects are funded.

March 16, 1998: CALFED releases a draft programmatic environmental impact statement/ environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) containing three draft alternatives. The release is followed by a 105-day public comment period, ending July 1.

March 16, 1998-July 1, 1998: Further technical analyses is conducted to develop the draft preferred alternative, while hosting public meetings, hearings and workshops to get the public input.

September 1998: \$25.5 million in ecosystem restoration projects are funded.

December 1998: The CALFED Program issues the Revised Phase II Report and draft framework plan for a draft preferred alternative.

June 1999: CALFED expects to release a revised draft EIS/EIR, followed by 90-day comment period.

April 2000: CALFED expects to release a final EIS/EIR, followed by a 30-day comment period.

June 2000: The program expects to certify the final programmatic EIS/EIR.

2000 to 2030: The Bay-Delta solution will be implemented.

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